

Media consolidation is a very real threat. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to strong-arm their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a frightening revelation and a perfect example.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. However, we cannot always count on huge corporations such as Sinclair to abide by these principles. Every once and a while, they must be checked and held accountable for not abiding.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Even more so, they show why the license renewal process should involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.